(*a*) whether the new bund, referred to in the answer, has been destroyed by the floods due to the absence of the groyne; and

(*b*) whether the bund and the groyne have been constructed after the floods?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) The bund was constructed before the floods and it has stood well. The construction of the groyne was found not necessary by experience.

Haripad-Elanjimel road.

8. ✻ **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state the steps taken by them on the memorials submitted in Adi 1108 to the Dewan and the Chief Engineer by a deputation of the inhabitants of the Mavelikara and Kartikapalli taluks for the construction of the Haripad-Elanjimel road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): An estimate has already been sanctioned for the construction of the road from Haripad to Anjilimoottil kadavu and provision made in the budget for 1110. After this portion is completed, the other portions of the Haripad-Elanjimel road will be considered.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from the Chief Engineer whether the amount included in the budget for 1110 will be spent this year itself?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I think so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the Chief Engineer is in a position to say that the work has reached such a stage as to enable the member to give a sure reply?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I am afraid I cannot.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What I wish to know is whether the Chief Engineer could say at what stage the work is now.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I was recently in the vicinity with the Honourable member for a whole day, but did not visit the place and so I am unable to say at what stage the work is now.

PRESIDENT: I hope this may be completed before the end of the year.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes, Sir.

Improvement of roads in the Mavelikara taluk.

9. ✻ **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state the steps taken by the Chief Engineer on my letter, dated 4-6-1109, regarding the improvement of the Oachira-Tamarakulam, the Pantalam-Atukkattukulangara and the Anandapalli-Kaippattoor roads?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*):

Oachira-Tamarakulam road: Nothing has been done as it was not possible to attempt anything with the meagre sum of Rs. 400 said to have been collected by the people for improving a road which will cost about Rs. 14,000 excluding bridges and culverts.

Pantalam-Atukkattukulangara road: Declaration for the formal acquisition of the land has been published in the Gazette.

Anandapalli-Kaippattoor road: The land has been surrendered by the people and duly demarcated by the Revenue Department. Some pipe culverts were also constructed.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the Chief Engineer has come to any conclusion with regard to the roads mentioned after his inspection?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know what those are?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I have reached several conclusions.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Am I to understand that the Chief Engineer is not now in a position to give me the exact stage at which the work is?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Is it the opinion of the member that the Chief Engineer can answer eight questions at a time?

PRESIDENT: When was your last inspection of the roads?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): About a week ago.

PRESIDENT: In view of your experience of that, Mr. Damodaran Asan wants you to answer his question.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know what are the conclusions arrived at by him after the inspection of the road?

PRESIDENT: That is a very vague question to ask.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether on inspection the Chief Engineer found that the work on these roads must be taken up without delay?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): That is what I am aiming at.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): I wish to know whether supplementary questions can be asked on conclusions formed by a particular officer. It is Government who answers questions. That being so may I know whether the opinion of a particular individual can be asked before Government have pronounced upon that matter?

PRESIDENT: It is a matter of opinion and I have ruled out that

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : All that I wish to know is the particular stage at which the work is now standing according to the Chief Engineer.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I recently visited the district in company with the Honourable member. There were eight different inspections on that day and consideration is being given to the various requests made by the member. I cannot say now at what stage those constructions are.

Opening of roads, public tanks, etc., maintained with public funds, to all classes.

10. ***MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state the steps taken by them in pursuance of the Press Communique issued early in Makaram 1109 regarding the opening of roads, public tanks, etc., maintained with public funds to all classes of His Highness's subjects irrespective of caste or creed?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The question is under the consideration of Government.

MR. A S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether this question was under the consideration of Government even before the issue of the Press Communique referred to in the question?

PRESIDENT : That does not arise. Let us understand that a supplementary question is intended for the purpose of elucidation of information already given in answer to a question. If the answer is vague, is not full, or is defective, then of course, supplementary questions come to the aid of the interpellator and official members will be in a position to give them definite answer.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know how long it will take for Government for consideration of the question?

PRESIDENT : That is a matter of opinion.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : In view of the strong prevalence of opinion in the country, will the Government expedite the settling of the question?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The matter is under the consideration of Government. They will do all that is possible to expedite it.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know how far their consideration has progressed?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government called for a list of roads and tanks maintained with public funds. A conference of the heads of departments concerned was held under the presidency of the Dewan for the consideration of this important question, and as a result of the conference four schools were thrown open to all classes of people. Further consideration is necessary before the whole question is decided.

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